

WOULD MAKE BETTER MEN.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WOULD BUILD UP MORAL AND PHYSICAL NATURE OF MEN IN SERVICE.

Is Willing to Rehabilitate Port Royal Navy Yard if Liquor Laws are Enforced—Mean Booze the Cause of Downfall of Many Men Says Daniels.

Washington, May 18.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, sees more in being the head of the government's big naval establishment than planning gigantic dreadnaughts of 40,000 tons burden, of building swifter ships or increasing the personnel of his fighting force. What he really sees is the man behind the guns and his moral and spiritual welfare. That's where his interest lies and right there is where he may be found centering his energies. On the man behind the guns lies the future welfare of the naval service. Build up the man—make him a better man, physically, mentally and morally—the secretary says, and you will have a better navy. On the contrary until you have a better man you need hardly expect a better navy.

This was what Secretary Daniels told a delegation of South Carolina congressmen when they called upon him to see what could be done towards rehabilitating the old Port Royal naval station. In the delegation were Representatives Byrnes and Whaley and one or two well known Charleston citizens. Mr. Daniels has just returned from his Southern trip and was most enthusiastic. He spoke of the beauties of the old city of Charleston, with its ever-increasing attractions of the great usefulness of the city's navy yard and what it ought to do hereafter in the ship-building line, of the abandonment of Pensacola and New Orleans, and of what he hoped to accomplish as a result of his trip. Then the topic of conversation drifted around to the Port Royal station.

The secretary said that he was most hopeful of making of that place the equal of what it had once been in its best days when workshops were running full blast, when the island upon which it is located was alive with officers and their families, and when everything seemed to indicate a long and prosperous future. He deplored what once had been done there and said that he saw little reason why the same things or even better things could not be accomplished in the future. Then, turning suddenly to those who had called upon him, he said that there was one thing that would have to be done before he would move a peg: Stop the sale of "blind tiger" liquor to the men at the barracks, he said, and you will see Port Royal blossom like the rose in springtime. One thing must be done, he maintained, before he felt that he could take steps to rehabilitate the station—the people around the locality where the station is located must enforce the liquor laws. "Carry out your statutes," he said, "and you will reap the benefits you now wish in seeing your station come to the front again

and instead of a small and obscure disciplinary school you will see a place that not only the people of the immediate section but those of the entire country will be proud to call their own."

Characterizing the present enforcement or lack of enforcement of the South Carolina liquor laws in the vicinity of the Port Royal disciplinary barracks as a farce, the secretary told the congressmen that he was willing to lend a helping hand to any plan which they might submit for the up-building of their station but not until the sale of mean liquor, the kind that makes men crazy, should be stopped. He designated three kinds as being especially objectionable—what is known as popskull, chain lighting, and kill-me-quick. Stop the indiscriminate and unlawful sale of this stuff, he said, to the men who are sent to Port Royal and you will see wonderful changes in that section. Until this is done and the young manhood of the naval service protected, little need be expected. It is the men, he said, who make the navy.

MOB HELD IN CHECK.

Rioting Follows Attempt to Lynch Tom Lee, Negro Bootblack, for Bloody Deed.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 16.—Up to a late hour tonight no attempt had been made to repeat the disorder of last night when a mob, bent on lynching Tom Lee, negro bootblack, attacked the county jail and later destroyed property in the business section of Fort Worth, valued at more than \$15,000. As a precautionary measure, however, a military guard is being maintained at the prison.

Lee, who killed a policeman and a negro and wounded several other persons yesterday, had been taken from Fort Worth for safekeeping. Sheriff Rea refuses to divulge his whereabouts. Two other men, under sentence to be hanged, have also been removed from the jail to another place of detention.

Judge Swayne of the Seventeenth district court instructed the grand jury today to investigate the rioting of last night and return "hundreds of indictments."

The condition of Lee, who shot himself when he was brought to bay after yesterday's shooting, is said to be critical. If he survives his wounds he will be placed on trial without delay.

Turkey Sits and Lays.

H. A. Nicholson says he has a turkey that is now doing double duty. Some time ago the turkey wanted to sit, after having laid 15 eggs. The eggs were taken away, but her plans, if such they were, could not be so easily frustrated and she began laying again in three days. When ten eggs had been laid she went to sitting (or setting) and since that time has been laying and sitting regularly, both at the same time and place, and now there are 23 eggs in the nest. No, it is not another turkey that is doing the laying, for Mr. Nicholson says there are only two other turkeys in the whole community, and each of these appeared last week with a brood of young turkeys.

PARTY LINES STRENGTHENED.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S DECLARATION FOR NO COMPROMISE ON TARIFF STIFFENS WAVERING SENATORS.

Only Two Democrats, Senators Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana, Stand out for Tariff on Sugar—Finance Committee of Senate to Work on Tariff During Week in Order to Have it Ready by Following Week.

Washington, May 18.—The effect of President Wilson's public declaration that there would be no compromise on free wool and free sugar in three years in the new tariff bill has been the subject of constant discussion since the chief executive made his pronouncement in the presence of assembled newspaper correspondents last week. Administration leaders declared that the president's vigorous assertion has served to strengthen the party lines up in the senate and they point to the vote on the tariff bill as an indication of the solidarity of the majority. Before the president came out so strongly in the face of the tremendous lobby influence that completely surrounds the capitol, the legislative air was surcharged with uncertainty. On every hand was heard the report that the finance committee was planning to put a duty on wool or to leave sugar at the end of the three year period with a small tariff.

So thick and fast did the rumors fly that the president decided that a little tightening of the party ropes would do no harm. Taking a firm grip on the executive end of the string that leads to Capitol hill he called in the correspondents and in their presence gave a strong pull. Up to that time several Democrats had been reported to be wavering on the subject of public hearings. At least five Democrats were considering voting for the Penrose-La Follette amendment. But when the president reaffirmed his determination to stand by the schedules which he virtually dictated into the tariff bill only Senators Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana broke through the party lines to remain outside until the end.

Another phase of the tariff discussion in the senate served as a forerunner of the exact situation. That was the interpretation of the Democratic platform as relating to free sugar, given by Senator Ollie James of Kentucky as the spokesman for the administration. When the Louisiana senators attempted to put president Wilson and the party on record as opposed to free sugar, the executive head of the party took notice again and on Friday morning Senators James delivered what amounted to a flat denial of the allegations made by the insurgent Democrats who are fighting to break up the majority on the sugar schedule.

Senator James declared that the party did favor free sugar; that it campaigned on that issue and, with the knowledge of the president, he challenged any one to find a man who could truthfully assert that Woodrow Wilson ever said he opposed free sugar. Again the administration scored.

Now the Democrats of the senate have the tariff bill to themselves. For two or perhaps three weeks the bill will be in the hands of the finance committee and, whatever other schedules may be altered, the assurance has gone out that no changes in wool or sugar will be recommended when the bill reaches the party caucuses.

Then behind closed doors the Democratic senators will have their final conference on the bill. The caucus, it is understood, will be a binding one. Western senators who would like a tariff on wool and those who want a change in sugar will take their last stand. There are some who believe that some change in one schedule or the other will eventuate, while others maintain that no change will be made and that not more than one other senator will join the Louisiana solons outside the party lines. That would leave the majority in a safe position.

This week the finance subcommittee will be busily engaged with tariff experts and the representatives of protesting interests. The private hearings also will be continued the following week, by which time Chairman Simmons hopes to have the bill ready for the full committee if not for the caucus. It will get to the senate as soon after June 1 as the leaders possibly can get it there. Considerable changes in the metal, cotton and chemical schedules are anticipated. This will necessitate a conference after the senate passes the bill. These probabilities give indications that it will be some time in August before the task is completed.

While the finance committee is at work the senate will be marking time, after the Kern resolution for an inquiry into West Virginia coal mine conditions is disposed of. That matter probably will be settled tomorrow.

The organization of the committees is the principal business confronting house leaders. Majority Leader Underwood has nearly completed his preliminary slate of committee assignments, and he expects to call a meeting of the Democrats of the ways and means committee either Tuesday or Wednesday to go over his slate.

Mr. Underwood has arranged the membership of the various committees to conform to the caucus rule that no member of the so-called majority committees shall have any other committee assignments.

It is probable, however, that the caucus will find it necessary to revise this rule. Under the present arrangement about two-thirds of the members of the house will be forced to be content with one-third of the committee places. Mr. Underwood probably will ask the caucus to revise the rule to allow a more equitable distribution.

The make up of the banking and currency committee, a matter of particular interest, is still in doubt. It members of the committee who hold over from the last congress will be given places and that Representative Carter Glass of Virginia, the ranking Democrat, will be chairman.

The selection of new members to fill the vacancies, however, will be left to the ways and means committee. President Wilson's views will be given consideration in filling these vacancies.

The currency question will be taken up by the house leaders during the is practically assured that all of the week and Representative Underwood and Representative Glass expect to have several conferences with the president. Senator Owen, chairman of the senate banking and currency committee, and Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, as to the details of the measure to be presented to the house soon after business is resumed on June 1.

The committee assignments will probably be outlined by the ways and means committee within a week and some time within the next week a Democratic caucus will be called to pass upon the work of the committee. Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock are at work on their committee assignments and they expect to complete their slates before June 1. The complete committee lists will then be brought into the house for election.

WILSON MUCH PLEASED.

Henry is Gratified at Vindication From Bryan.

Mexico City, May 18.—Commenting on Secretary Bryan's denial that the state department is conducting any investigation into charges against Henry Wilson, the American ambassador to Mexico, the ambassador said today: "I am greatly gratified at the complete and honorable vindication given me by the secretary of state."

"The charges which were made purely for Mexican political purposes, not only caused me great distress, but to the extent to which they have been given credit were harmful to our government and derogatory to the good name of the diplomatic service."

GIRL'S JAW BROKEN.

Fractured by Ball in Practice Game of Missouri Coeds.

Columbia, Mo., May 17.—Miss Georgann Clark of Rolla, Mo., a student in the University of Missouri, suffered a fracture of the jaw while playing baseball here today. The Missouri coeds organized baseball teams this spring. Miss Clark was captain and catcher of the sophomore team. She was playing in a practice game today, when a foul tip struck her.

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